



# #1 - Use Wordle to write "All About Me"

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Fourth grade students spent classroom time writing about their strengths.

They put these writing pieces in Wordle and made posters and displayed them on their lockers.

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# #3 - Use Wordle to share criteria

Copy and paste grade related criteria into wordle to highlight the main areas students need to concentrate on to gain the best grades. Example is SQA criteria for General Writing in MFL.



# #4 - Discuss reports with Wordle <http://wordle.net/create>

@spu00rst suggested  
wordling subject reports.

Here is a class set of mine  
with names removed.

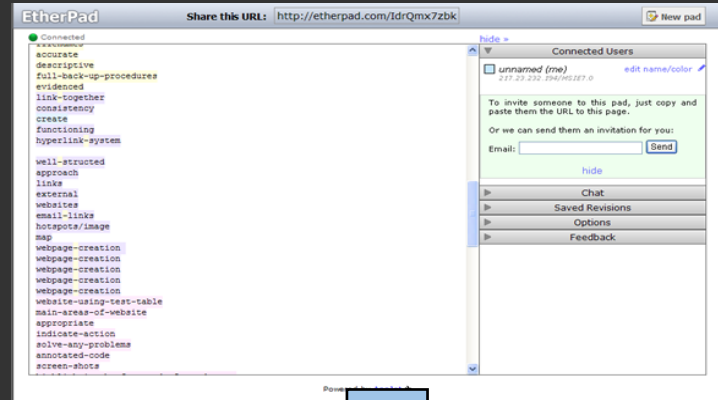
Good discussion point at beginning or end of lesson.

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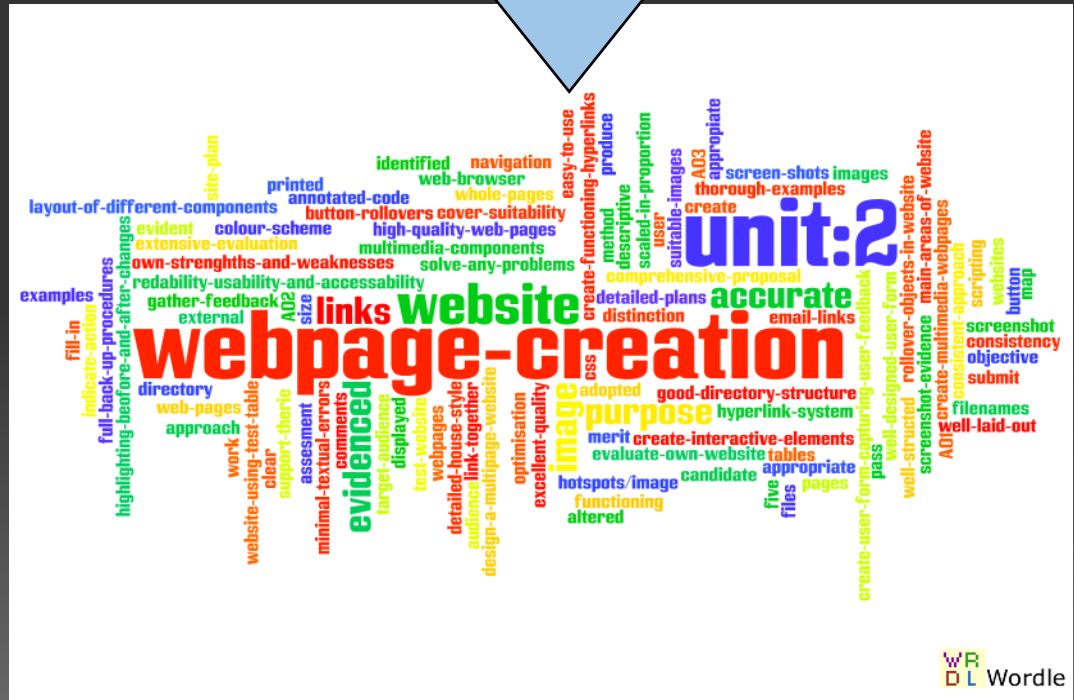


## #5 - Using Wordle and Etherpad to share success criteria

Groups of students use Assessment Objectives for their coursework. They worked in small groups to identify keywords and terms.



Used Etherpad -  
<http://etherpad.com/>  
to collaborate and put in  
keywords on shared pad.  
Students then copy their  
shared list of keywords into  
Wordle and produce their  
own Wordle cloud.  
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#6 - Guess the French fairytale - then use to highlight key words so students can write own tales.



## #7 - Make the syllabus look interesting!

Copy and paste the entire syllabus into Wordle, print out as A3 (or larger) and use as part of a display.





## #8 - Improve students' essay writing...

Copy and paste students' essays into Wordle - compare the results and discuss what has/hasn't been included in the essays...





## #9 - Study an author's diction in-depth:

On page one of *Brave New World*, Aldous Huxley establishes his mood and hints at his own views all through his diction.

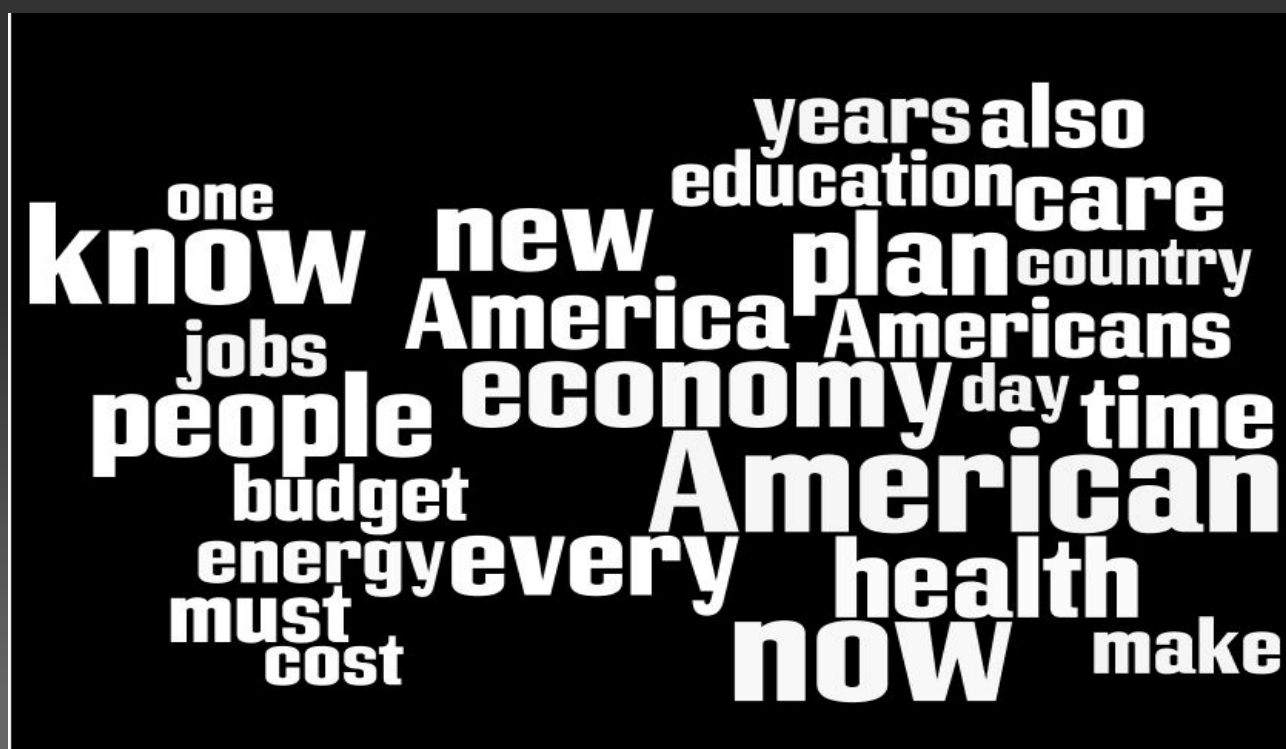
# NORMS

Teamwork  
interdependent  
On-Time  
Collaborate  
Responsibility  
Share  
Participate  
Respect

#10 - Have each student write expectations he has of the classroom. Combine all lists in Wordle to create a Classroom Norms poster or team t-shirts.

**#11 - Find out what ideas are most important in a famous speech.** I used Wordle to make the "word cloud" below out of the text from President Obama's Feb 24, 2009 speech to Congress. I chose a setting to display the 25 most frequently used words in his speech. Glad to see that education made the top 25 of his verbal agenda!

If you want a text of his speech to try click [here](#) on my blog



# #12 - Defining Skills using Wordle

Before the dictionary comes out, give your students a new vocabulary word and ask them to brainstorm all the words they associate with it. Gather up all the brainstormed words for a Wordle.

After the term has been formally defined, repeat the process and compare to the "pre-dictionary" Wordle.

Source: [Build Literacy Skills with Wordle](#)

# #13 - Summarizing Skills using Wordle

As a pre-reading exercise - copy/paste text of reading into a Wordle and ask students to predict what the main ideas of the reading will be.

Another pre-reading option - give them a Wordle of a non-fiction reading and ask them to use the Wordle to generate a title or headline before they see the real article.

Post reading - ask them to reflect on the reading based on a prompt (examples - main idea, what you've learned, funniest element, etc). Then collect all their reflections into a Wordle.

Source: [Build Literacy Skills with Wordle](#)



# #14 - Comparison Skills using Wordle

Comparison skills - Give them two different accounts / essays on the same theme / event - let them compare the Wordles generated by each.

Or you could generate Wordles for two different reading - then let student see if they can match the Wordle to it's corresponding reading.

## Two Wordle tips:

1. Once you have created a Wordle right click a term to remove it from the results. Wordle will re-compute w/o it.
2. Use ~ to connect two (or more) word into one term

Ex: literacy~strategy

Source: [Build Literacy Skills with Wordle](#)

# #15 - Using Wordle for Classroom Polls

Very simple Early Childhood Example.....

- Talk about favourite colours.
- Each child then types their favourite colour into the text part of wordle.
- The wordle created automatically shows the most favoured colour.
- Other ideas - birthday month, fav. animals, hardest spelling word, feelings etc.
- Could easily adapt to higher tasks and polls.

Here is a Wordle Poll example....

- 23 preschoolers and their favourite colours... (lots of girls LOL)



<http://www.k-3teacherresources.com/using-wordles-for-classroom-polls.html>

#16 - Use Wordle to compare/contrast themes in literature. For example, Romeo & Juliet vs. West Side Story. Copy and paste entire work into Wordle and get results.



## #17 Act as archaeologists of a text's vocabulary

Wordle can be *dynamic* not just s t a t i c

- paste in a text, then use 'right-click' to remove words
- start with the most prominent (character names and the most common words)
- as you 'excavate' text, patterns and sets of vocabulary are revealed.



Studying Sheridan's *The Rivals* with an A-level class, we spent a whole lesson discussing which words to eliminate next and considering the thematic implications of the patterns of vocabulary that emerged.



# #18 - Analyze Your Presentation Notes

Students (or teachers) create a slide presentation. The notes are written in the Notes section of the slide. Once the presentation is ready, all notes are copied and pasted into Wordle. Students can analyze where their words are repetitive (such as like, love, or also) and adjust their presentation notes. It can be used as a teaser slide at the beginning of the presentation.

[@njtechteacher](http://njtechteacher.blogspot.com)





# #19 - Create a Custom Image Header for Your Blog

Use your class blog url to create a Wordle and use the resulting image as the custom image header for your blog. Change the header periodically to reflect your blog's changing themes and content.

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[@teachernz](#)

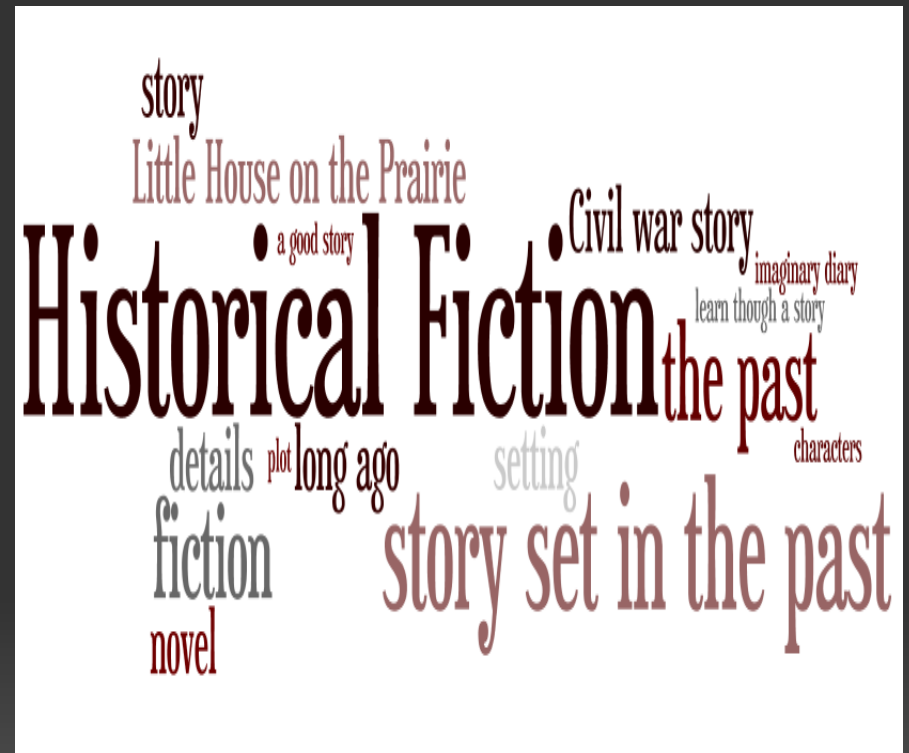


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# #20 - Compare History to Historical Fiction

Primary students often confuse the two. Have them make and compare Wordles - remind them to make the genre title bigger by typing several times. Post to discuss, then post in the hall or library. Can also make Wordles to compare Science Fiction and Fantasy, or Folk Tales (Fairy Tale vs. Tall Tale; Myths vs Fables).

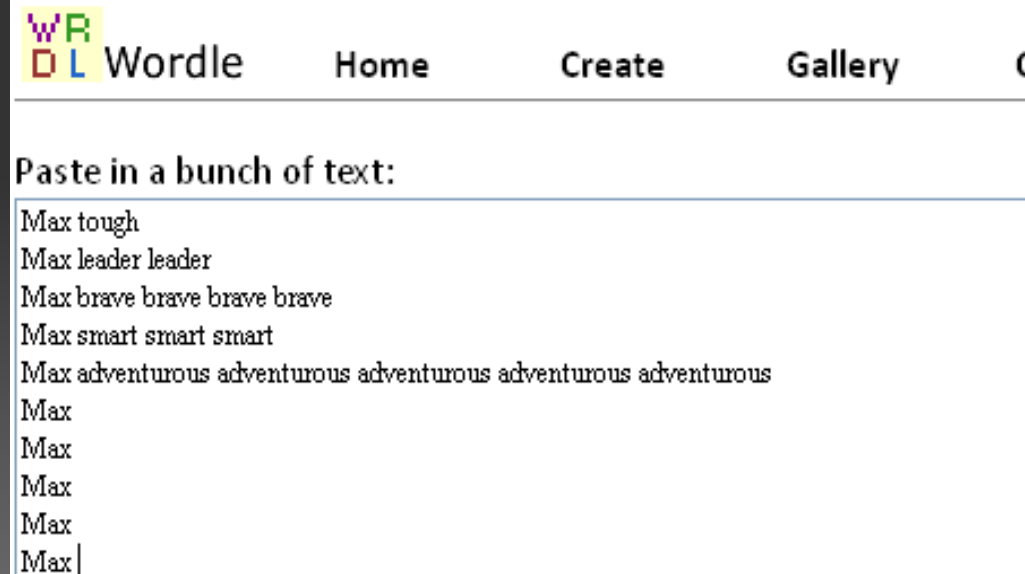


# #21 - Character Traits Analysis

Use Wordle to increase reading comprehension through Character Trait Identification.

1. Write 5 most identifiable and important character traits for any character in text (assign different characters if done in Reading Group)
2. Rank Traits from 1-5 of importance/relevance to text
3. Go to WORDLE
4. Type in Character 10x total then character trait Rank them in order of importance, most important or relevant would be five times and so on down to 1
5. Screen Capture and share on wiki or blog.

@mwacker Michael Wacker



## #22 - Create Wordle Art



### Earth Day 2009 Billboard Winner.

This poster was created by Sophie, a sixth grader in Portland, OR. She chose environmental concepts, submitted them to Wordle, and found a type style she liked. Once the Wordle was printed, Sophie taped it onto a window & traced the image. She drew on additional elements and colored the whole piece.



#23 - Character description in the primary school...In reading groups have students choose a character and add as many words as they can. Compare results- why do we know more about some than others? I used the Iron Man by Ted Hughes  
@melhutch

# #24 - Define characteristics

In my American Lit. course, students have been defining what it means to be an American in the various time periods. Using a Google Form, students answer the question. This allows individuals to share their own thinking & gives us a variety of responses. Paste responses from the form into Wordle. Then have students decide whether the class got the definition right

or not (by focusing on the larger words.) Nice summarizing & reflecting activity.

@thespian70



# #25 - collect French vocabulary

I have asked students to type topic vocabulary with the topic word larger. Display their work on a wiki or a blog. For pronunciation practice type words with the same sounds. You can link words with a tilde ~ to keep them together eg les~enfants The tilde doesn't show up but the words stay together.

@kaymcmeeekin





# #26 - Do a "Wordle Walk"



Wordle the text of the book you're reading and instead of a "picture walk" do a "wordle walk." You can introduce frequent vocabulary and let kids predict the story from the combinations of words they see in the WORDLE.

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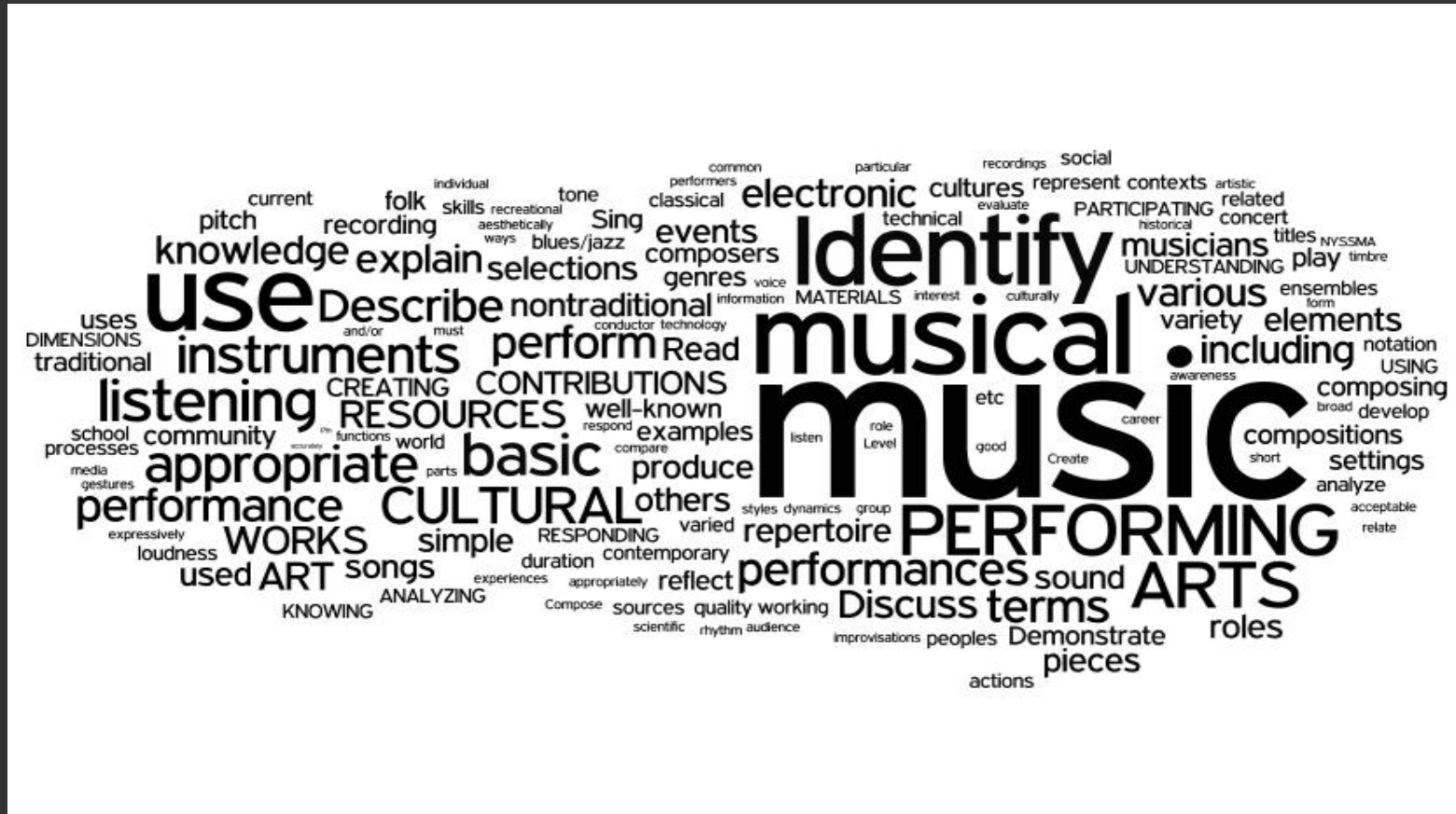
# #27 - Make a Unique Gift

If students are preparing for a holiday like Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Valentine's Day, etc. They could Wordle wedding vows, family stories, favorite love songs of their parents or grandparents, or just the names of the people in their families to create a very personal, but creative and artistic gift that's suitable for framing. (And it's free!)



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# #28 - Prioritize Curriculum



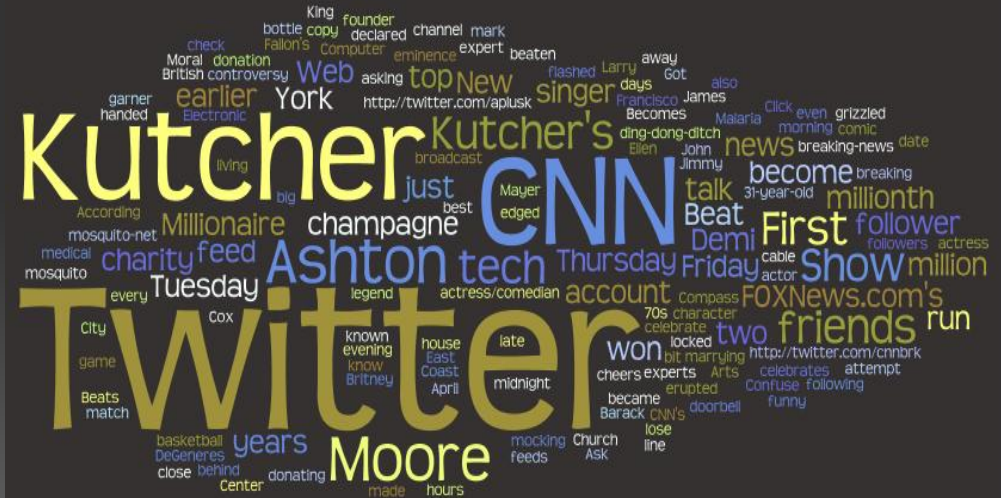
Teachers beginning the Curriculum Mapping Process could Wordle their State Standards or Performance Indicators to begin the discussion of creating a common language around the critical pieces of curriculum that should be represented in every teacher's classroom.

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# #29 - Compare for Bias/Social Studies

Social Studies teachers can Wordle news articles from several sources and compare to look at bias or to evaluate credible sources. These Wordles are of Ashton Kutcher's recent win over CNN to reach 1,000,000 followers on Twitter. To the right is the wordle of the FoxNews article, lower right is CNN, and below is MSNBC.



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# #30 - New Levels of Interactivity

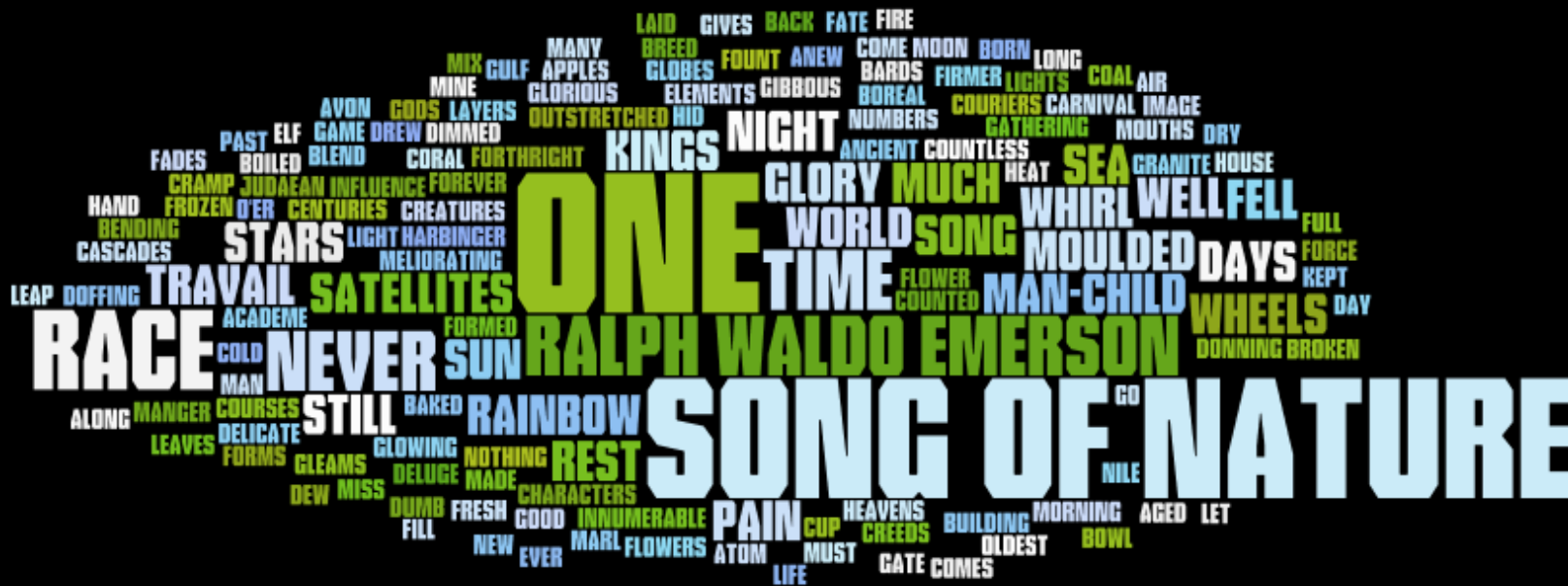
Wordle a collection of words that represent parts of speech. Change the colors to white words on a black background in Wordle and print on an overhead transparency. Project the Wordle onto a large sheet of butcher paper and ask the kids to come and color nouns a certain color, verbs a different color, etc. An extension of this would be to Wordle Characters and Character traits, print overhead transparency and project. Use a color to connect characters with their specific traits



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# #31 - Power Writing Prompts

To encourage writing fluency, incorporate power writing into your daily program. Enter vocabulary, science text, or poem text into Wordle . Display for students as idea prompts. Students think for thirty/sixty seconds, then write continuously for two (or three/four) minutes without stopping without worry of conventions. Stop. Count words. Repeat two more times. For powerpoint on Power Writing information see <http://cli.gs/gLUAJ6> For more Wordle samples see <http://cli.gs/gXt4YQ> Sample is Song of Nature by Ralph Waldo Emerson



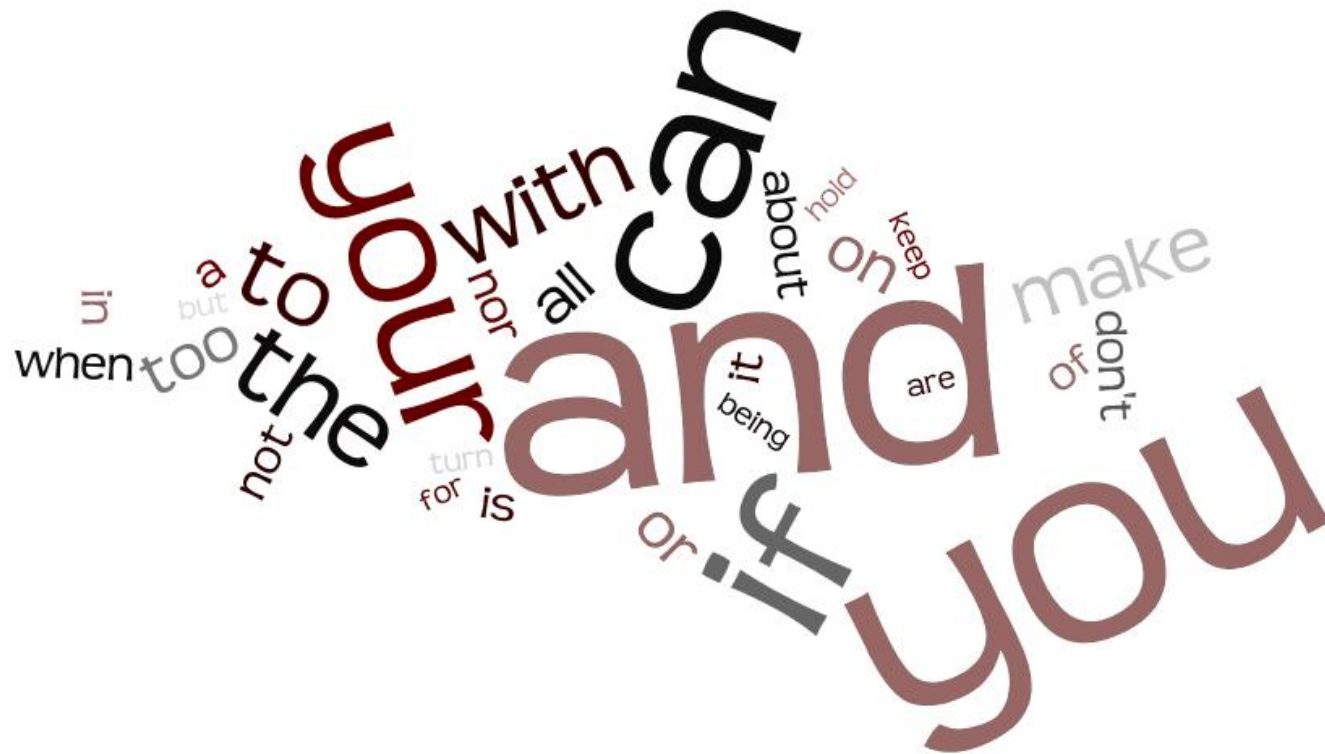
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# #32 - Create an Audible Wordle

Select some text and create a Wordle. Then ask children to read the Wordle, one word each, with volume and tone appropriate to size and meaning of word. Record the result.

(Idea first heard on BBC R4 iPM programme.)



If, by Rudyard Kipling  
(Top 30 words,  
inc common words)

@NeilAdam  
[neil@beaconict.co.uk](mailto:neil@beaconict.co.uk)

# #33 - Spelling with Wordle

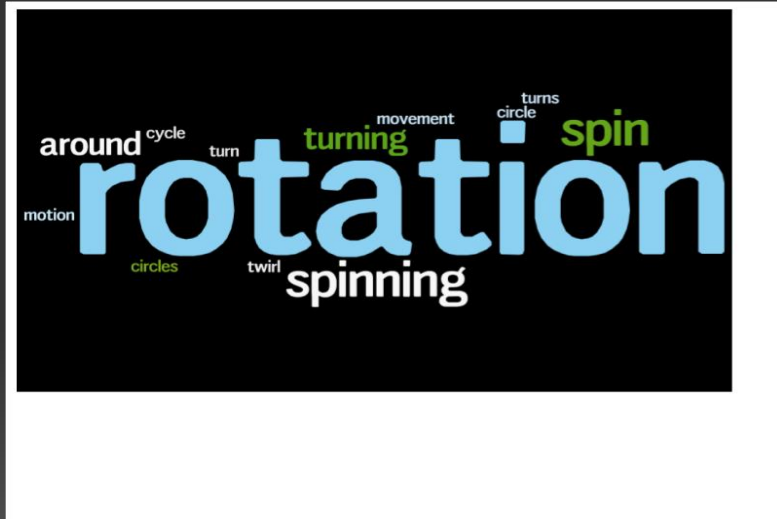
Create and post your weekly spelling list using Wordle.  
(Use slide #30 for an extension activity!)



# #34 - Wordle WORD WALLS!



Instead of a traditional "Word Wall," what about a "Wordle Wall?" Using a student as a "Wordle Recorder," have students brainstorm definitions, adjectives, and synonyms for words, type into the Wordle Creator, along with the key word. Hang on the wall so that students can get a contextual reference of that class's vocabulary. (Very brain-based learning technique: Engaging, Colorful, Motivating...)



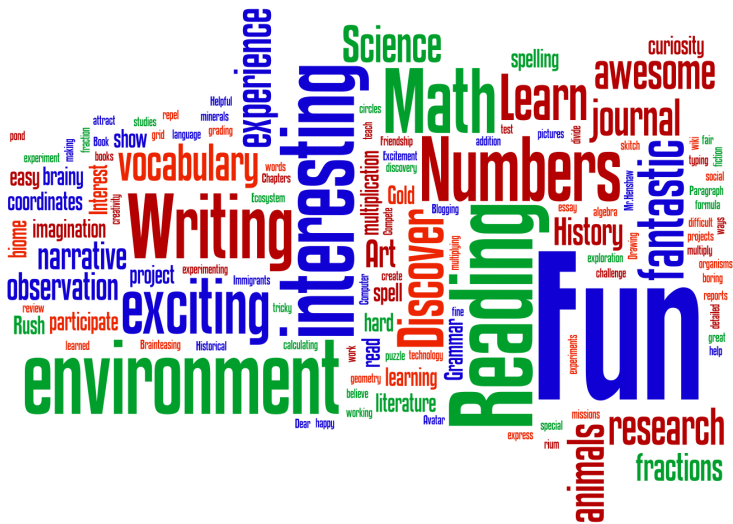
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# #35 - Create a Learning Poster

For my Open House this week I shared a Google docs document with the students and asked:

"Write five words that describe what you learned to do, or what you learned, use verbs, nouns, facts, could be a skill or strategy."

I created a Wordle with the result,  
downloaded the pdf file,  
converted it to a jpg and open it  
in Photoshop to make a large  
bulletin display although  
someone could also use <http://www.blockposters.com/>



@derrallg

# #36 - Learn your vocabulary - MFL

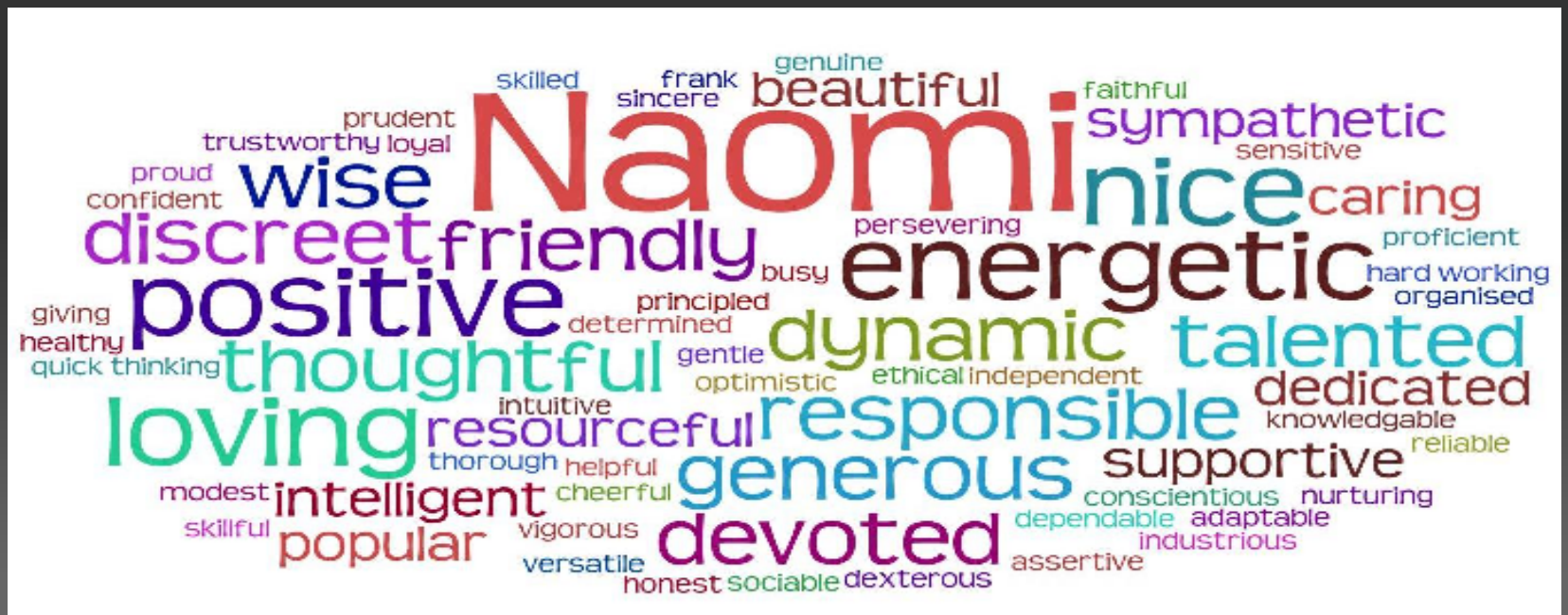


English/German  
Type the English and the German words into a Wordle.  
Choose your style b/w capture or print  
you can work in a graphic programme or work on your printed paper.  
Make links between words.  
Could use for any language.  
@lebenslinie



# #37 Give pupils a self-esteem boost & improve relationships

Write each child's name on a separate sheet of paper. Circulate each sheet around the class so each pupil writes at least 1 nice/+ve attribute about every other pupil. They can repeat words others have used. Collect the sheets, type each pupil's list of attributes (editing where necessary!) with their name x10 & Wordle the result. The pupils can use them as exercise book cover art, and will treasure them forever. Works for secondary too! @yzfreeman





# #38 Clarify values for RE or ethics

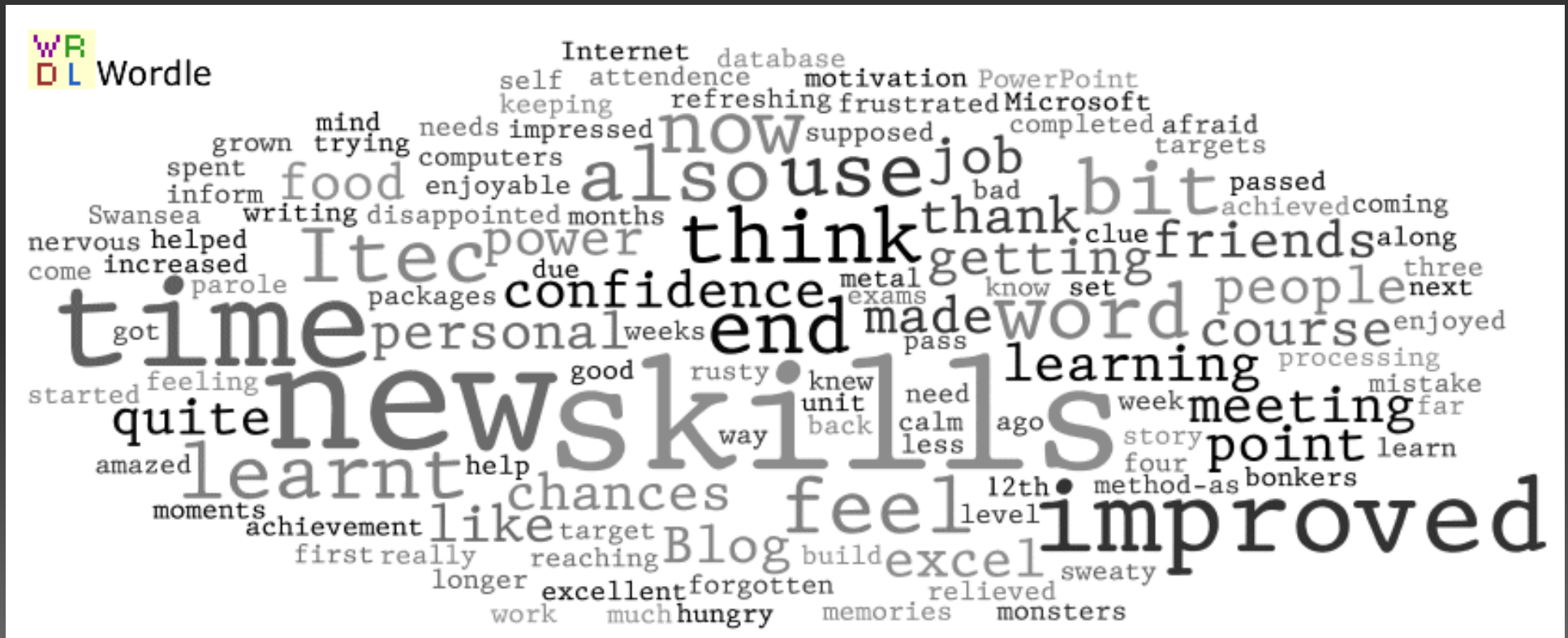
Brainstorm a list of at least 25 personal values that the class feels are important to live by, or use a checklist e.g. <http://is.gd/NzeJ> to select <50. Give each pupil a list of the result to choose their top 5. Collate & Wordle the result. Gives a picture of those values the class as a whole values most; or done separately for two or more groups/classes it can compare/contrast the value systems of separate groups/classes: excellent debate trigger. Or do the exercise in slightly amended form before & after exploring a particular ethical topic to see how the class's values have changed as a result of their learning.

@yzfreeman



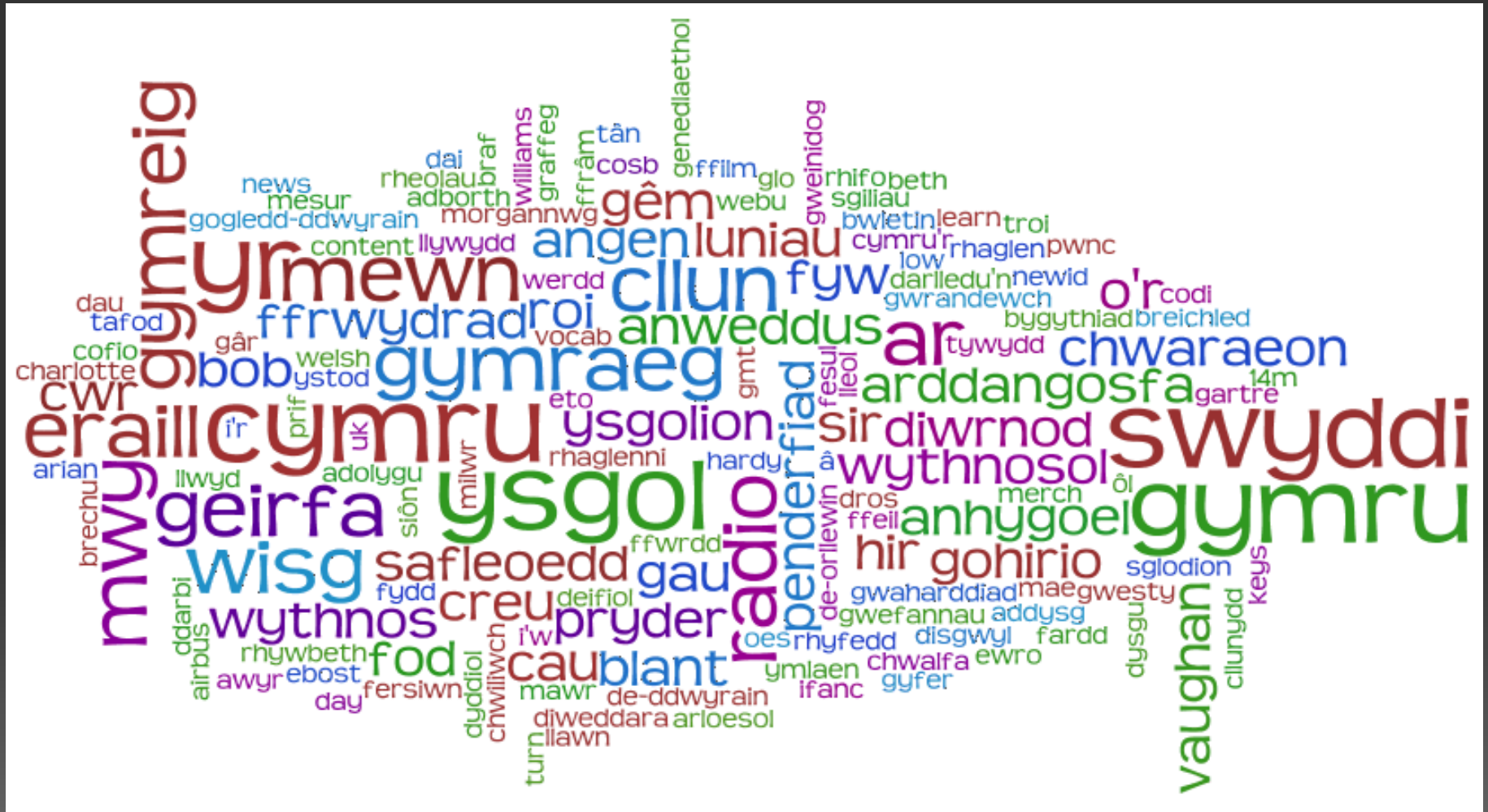
# #39 Reflecting on Learning

If learners are keeping a blog or other form of journal on their learning, it can be enlightening to Wordle the content every so often to look for themes.



# #40 Language News

Copy the frontpage of a news website in a second language. Pick out the most important / common vocab to focus on...



## #41 An alternative to a word search

### Health and Safety Wordle



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## #42 Make a movie

Improve language skills by working with  
song lyrics.

Improve I.T.skills



[see the movie on my blog](#)

**never  
seen**

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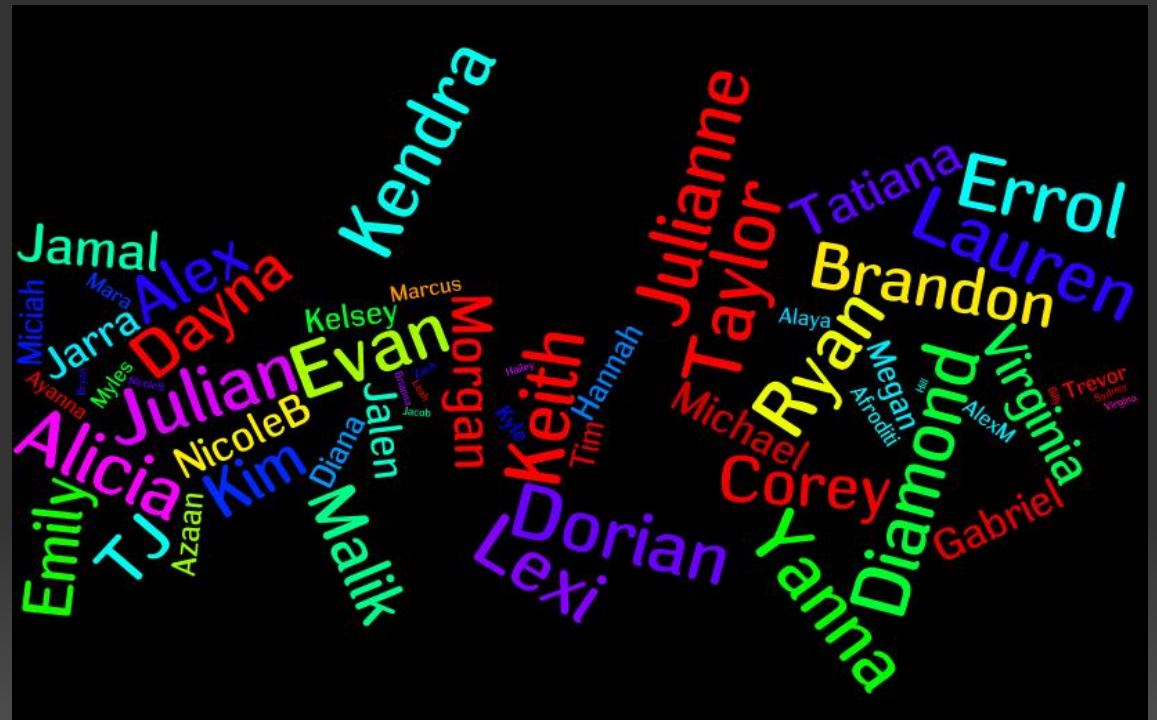
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## #43 A simple induction activity

Help the group to get to know each other. Get everyone to write their name into a wordle. Display the results on the interactive whiteboard.

[See it on my blog](#)

Judy Valentine





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- Contribute your ideas and tips to the presentation.
- Let me know how you have used the resource.
- Get in touch.

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~~Twitter~~ a tip (or even if you don't) please tweet about it and the link so more people can contribute.

I have created a page for all of the **Interesting Ways** presentations on my blog.

The whole family in one place :-)



Image: Sharing

Thanks for helping  
Tom Barrett

Have you seen Maths Maps yet?